Cutting of Power supply by NHPC to SEBS

*310. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have authorised the National Hydro Power Corporation to cut power supply to the defaulting State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the outstanding dues of each SEB and its probable effect on their functioning; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to ensure timely payment of dues bv SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The allocation of power of various States /Union Territories from the power stations of the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) is, inter-alia, subject to the condition that in case of failure of the beneficiary to ensure timely payment, NHPC may shut off or restrict power supply to it and advise the concerned Regional Electricity Board to re-allocate the surplus power to other beneficiaries. Accordingly, when a beneficiary is not able to liquidate the arrears in spite of persistent requests and follow-up, NHPC may consider regulating supply of power, subject to considerations,of grid security. The outstanding dues of NHPC from the SEBs as on 30.6.1996 are shown in the statement *(See* below]

(c) The steps being taken for getting arrears cleared from the defaulting SEBs

include, constant follow-up at variousevels, persuading the SEBs to oper Letters of Credit and to executs commercial agreements in favour o NHPC for purchase of power, am recovery of the outstanding amount in instalments through the Central Plan Allocation of the defaulting States.

Statement

SI No	Name of the State Electricity Board/State	(Rs in Crores) Outstanding dues (As on 30 6 1996)
1	Assam	22 16
2	Arunachal Pradesh	088
3	Bihar	171
4	Haryana	170 49
5	Himachal Pradesh	12 66
6	Jammu & Kashmir	45 84
7	Manipur	5S6
8	Meghalaya	0 15
9	Mizoram	1 79
10	Nagaland	3 62
11	Punjab	35 80
12	Rajasthan	11 71
13	Uttar Pradesh	167 07
14	West Bengal	2 10
15	Delhi Electnc Supply Undertaking	92 92
10	Damodar Valley Corproation	0 24
17	Union Territory Chandigarh	0 29
18	North Eastern Electric Power Corpn	092
	Total	576 11

Streamlining the functioning of CAPART

*311. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR.SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new NGOs supported by CAPART for bettei implementation of developmenl programmes in rural areas;

(b) whether there are several irregulaities in CAPART and whethei any Parliamentary Committee has recently examined this;

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to streamline the functioning of CAPART'

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI YERRAN NAIDU K.): (a) CAPART i: reported to have supported 559 voluntan